Child Labour

2721. SHRI PRITHBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Child Labour are still engaged in Tea Gardens of Assam, if so, details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to survey the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of rationed and other materials to tribals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2722. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL supplies be pleased to state:

(a) whether rations and other materials are being supplied Jarwa and Onge Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Island;

(b) the population of the Jarwa and Onge tribes;

(c) if so, the quality of rations etc. supplied per month;

(d) whether they are being tried to civilized; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Abolition of labour courts

2723. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to abolish labour courts in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Administrative tribunals will be established to expedite the disposal of labour matters; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) Under the Trade Unions and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill 1988 which has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1988, Industrial Relations Commissions are proposed to be set up under Article 323B of the Constitution of India. These Commissions will comprise Judicial and Technical Members, the latter being drawn from amongst persons having eminence in the fields of industry, labour or management. These Commissions are proposed to be entrusted with the functions of adjudication of industrial disputes (other than those assigned to Labour Courts) and hearing of appeals against the orders of Labour Courts. The Bill is at present before Parliament

Rapid transport system for Metropolitan Cities

2724. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) has recently described that alternative system of transport be considered while planning for larger metropolis;

(b) whether Government propose to adopt Rapid Transport System for all Indian cities during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) if so the details of the plans specified by CRRI and the action contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Road Research Institute in their Report submitted to the Planning Commission in June, 1988 entitled